

- 6.a. _____ A verified statement claiming small entity status is enclosed.
or
6.b. _____ A verified statement claiming small entity status was filed in a parent application and small entity status is still proper and desired in this continuing application.
7. X Preliminary Amendment.

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 X As set forth in the enclosed Preliminary Amendment, please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a Continuation of application Serial No. 10/058,615, filed January 28, 2002.--

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims originally filed in the prior application, and any claims added or canceled by the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

| CLAIMS | FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | CALCULATIONS |
|--------|---|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| | TOTAL CLAIMS 59 | - 20 = | 39 | X \$ 18.00 | \$702.00 |
| | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 6 | - 3 = | 3 | X \$ 84.00 | \$252.00 |
| | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (If applicable) | | | + 280.00 | |
| | | | | BASIC FEE | \$750.00 |
| | | | | Total of above Calculations = | \$1,704.00 |
| | Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28. | | | | \$ |
| | | | | TOTAL = | \$ 1,704.00 |

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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